

# California Medical Association



## Council Highlights

### Highlights of the Actions of the California Medical Association Council Meeting, May 9 to 10, Sacramento

*This summary is published so that CMA membership may be advised in brief of the actions of the Association's Council. It covers only major actions and is not intended as a detailed report. Full minutes of these meetings are available upon any member's request to the CMA office.*

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A draft of the 1969 CMA *Relative Value Studies* was approved. The effective dates for general distribution and use of the *RVS* will be determined later. Copies of the approved draft have been distributed to executive secretaries of county medical societies in California and other state medical associations.

A proposal to study treatment of obesity by unscientific methods was approved. The recommendation calls for CMA and the State Department of Public Health to study "the extent and degree of danger" of unscientific methods for treatment of obesity. CMA's House of Delegates this year and in 1968 passed resolutions urging CMA and AMA to take action on treatment of obesity.

Future steps to be taken after completion of the study, which CMA Council approved with the study proposal, will be as follows:

- County medical societies investigate physicians who use unscientific methods to treat obesity; talk with the offenders and take disciplinary action if they do not change.
- CMA work with voluntary and official health agencies to alert people to the dangers of drugs in treatment of obesity.

- CMA make a recommendation to the Board of Medical Examiners for action and investigation of non-members of county medical societies who are using unscientific methods of treatment of obesity.

Formation of a CMA Standing Committee on human organ transplantations was approved. In addition to its other responsibilities, the new committee will respond to a request from Louis F. Saylor, M.D., director, State Department of Public Health, for CMA representatives to discuss with his department "problems which are emerging from accelerated activities in transplantations of human organs."

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**The Role of Medicine in Society Committee** was authorized to contact the appropriate student body of each medical school and request names of students to invite for participation in: (1) Council meetings; (2) CMA House of Delegates meetings; (3) specific commission and committee meetings, and (4) specific areas of involvement such as drug abuse, smoking and medical education.

**Appointment** of Orrin S. Cook, M.D., Sacramento, as a consultant to the CMA Legislative Committee was approved.

**Appointed** to the new Task Force on Allied Health Professions were: Gladden V. Elliott, M.D., San Diego, chairman; L. H. Andrus, M.D., King City; Lewis Bullock, M.D., Los Angeles; Arthur Coleman, M.D., San Francisco; Earle Marsh, M.D., San Francisco; Frank Melone, M.D., Ontario, and E. Kash Rose, M.D., Napa.

**A program committee** and early plans for the 1969 Conference of Component Society Officers on

27 September in Los Angeles was approved. Topics will include professional liability; medical student involvement; new methods of delivering health care; recertification through continuing medical education and professional corporations. Program Committee members are: Roberta Fenlon, M.D., chairman; Frederick W. Ackerman, M.D.; Leonard M. Asher, M.D.; Ralph M. Milliken, M.D.; Robert L. Hippen, M.D.; Herbert A. Holden, M.D.; Austin W. Lea, M.D.; and William K. Scheuber.

**A State Senate resolution** commending CMA President-Elect Ralph W. Burnett, M.D., on his outstanding career in medicine was presented to him by State Senator Walter W. Stiern (Dem.-Bakersfield).

**The CMA Commission on Community Health Services** was requested to study and bring back recommendations on CMA's role in fluoridation with particular attention to the extent and scope of a CMA program.

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## In Memoriam

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Persons wishing to do so may make contributions to the Physicians' Benevolence Fund to honor the memory of a member who has died. Members of the family will be notified that such a contribution has been made and the name of the donor will be supplied.

Checks should be addressed to Physicians' Benevolence Fund, Inc., California Medical Association, 693 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94102.

**ASHER, ROLAND SANFORD**, Encino. Died 12 May 1969 of injuries in an automobile crash on the San Diego Freeway, aged 45. Graduate of the University of California School of Medicine, Berkeley-San Francisco, 1953. Licensed in California in 1954. Doctor Asher was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

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**CHASE, JAMES MACKAY**, Santa Barbara. Died 27 May 1969, aged 47. Graduate of the University of California School of Medicine, Berkeley-San Francisco, 1955. Licensed in California in 1956. Doctor Chase was a member of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society.

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**COOPER, WILLIAM WARREN**, San Diego. Died 14 May 1969, aged 65. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, 1933. Licensed in California in 1941. Doctor Cooper was a member of the San Diego County Medical Society.

**COPP, EDWARD F. FOSTER**, La Jolla. Died 31 May 1969 in Borrego Springs of heart disease, aged 70. Graduate of University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, Ontario, 1923. Licensed in California in 1926. Doctor Copp was a member of the San Diego County Medical Society.

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**CRABTREE, ELMO GREGORY**, San Diego. Died 5 June 1969 in San Diego, aged 68. Graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, 1926. Licensed in California in 1927. Doctor Crabtree was a retired member of the San Diego County Medical Society and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.

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**CRANE, WALDO E.**, National City. Died 13 May 1969, aged 62. Graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda-Los Angeles, 1944. Licensed in California in 1944. Doctor Crane was a member of the San Diego County Medical Society.

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**DAVIS, JOHN BENJAMIN**, Long Beach. Died 1 May 1969 in Long Beach of adenocarcinoma of the prostate, aged 63. Graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, 1935. Licensed in California in 1937. Doctor Davis was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

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**GOMSI, EDWIN S.**, Garden Grove. Died 11 May 1969 in Orange, aged 47. Graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, 1947. Licensed in